

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DONTE M. LEEPER,

Defendant.

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8:19CR386

ORDER

This matter is before the court on the defendant's unopposed Motion to Continue Trial [107]. Counsel needs additional time to explore issues raised by DNA testing. For good cause shown,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Motion to Continue Trial [107] is granted, as follows:

1. The jury trial, now set for December 15, 2020, is continued to **January 5, 2021**.
2. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the court finds that the ends of justice will be served by granting this continuance and outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Any additional time arising as a result of the granting of this motion, that is, the time between **today's date and January 5, 2021**, shall be deemed excludable time in any computation of time under the requirement of the Speedy Trial Act. Failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) & (B)(iv).
3. **No further continuances will be granted without a hearing before the undersigned magistrate judge.**

**DATED: November 17, 2020.**

**BY THE COURT:**

**s/ Michael D. Nelson  
United States Magistrate Judge**